

House File 317 - Reprinted

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 118)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 7, 2023)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to taking certain animals that are deemed a
2 nuisance.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.87, Code 2023, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **481A.87 Open seasons.**

4 1. Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not take,
5 capture, kill, or have in possession a fur-bearing animal or
6 any of its parts at any time except during the open season as
7 set by the commission ~~except where.~~

8 2. A person may shoot, trap, or ensnare a fur-bearing
9 animal when the killing, trapping, or ensnaring is for the
10 protection of a person or public or private property with the
11 prior permission of a duly appointed representative of the
12 commission. If prior permission is impractical or impossible
13 to obtain and the fur-bearing animal represents a threat to a
14 person, domestic animal, or private property, the fur-bearing
15 animal may be taken without prior permission.

16 3. Prior permission is not required for an owner or tenant
17 of agricultural property or an associated residence located
18 outside the corporate limits of a city to take, capture using a
19 cage trap or dog-proof trap, shoot, or temporarily possess, for
20 the purpose of destroying or disposing of, a raccoon, opossum,
21 or skunk on the property if the owner or tenant in good faith
22 deems the animal to be a nuisance. This subsection does not
23 apply to animals listed pursuant to the federal Endangered
24 Species Act or listed as endangered by the commission pursuant
25 to section 481B.3.

26 4. All fur-bearing animals and all parts thereof taken as
27 provided in ~~this section~~ subsection 2 or 3 shall be disposed
28 of on the site or shall be relinquished to a representative of
29 the commission.